

December 3, 1943

Dear Mother,

Today I received your telegram and was very glad to get it. It will probably be a couple of days yet before I will get your letter and I might not be here then. I don't know for sure.

This morning I moved from Barracks 17 to Barracks 18 where I am now. At noon today I sent you some letters a book and some stuff that I want you to keep for me as I do not need it right now.

[page 2] This afternoon we had a bag inspection. Some of the boys had sent their whites and other things that they did not need home and they made them buy some more.

The first of December I went to Norfolk and bought some Christmas presents. By now you have probably received them. They are not much but I hope that you like them. Let me know if Betty likes the bracelet. It is not quite as good as the one I sent Jean last year but I could not find one like that.

Tomorrow we will have to stand captians [sic] inspection in our dress blues. It will be the final inspection I have stood since I left Jacksonville.

Yesterday afternoon I went to the show here on the base it was a pretty good show.

How is Betty getting along in school? Did Julia get moved into her new place and is she still liking her work fine? I hope so.

Has Aunt Annie ever heard from Jackie since he left San Diego? How are her and Granpa?

[page 3] I have to wash my clothes tonight if the water ever got hot again. There is not anything else to say so I will close for this time hoping that I get some mail before I leave here.

Your son,
Tom D